

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 11, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D) (arrived after roll call)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 208, 2/2/2015; SB 244, 2/2/2015; SB 103, 2/2/2015

Committee Business: SB 23, SB 24, SB 25

**Committee Business:**

**SB 23**

00:02:46 Sen. Roger Webb

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a01\)](#)

**SB 24**

00:09:52 Sen. Roger Webb

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a02\)](#)

**SB 25**

00:11:52 Sen. Webb

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a03\)](#)

00:14:13 Chairman Buttrey

00:14:16 Sen. Brown

00:14:54 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

00:14:59 Chairman Buttrey

00:15:02 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a04\)](#)

00:18:25 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 244**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:52 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 244. Establish a Montana trade center in Calgary.

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a05\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:00 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Kalispell Regional Healthcare Medical Services

00:28:42 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

00:30:09 Bob Sivertsen, former legislator, Havre resident

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a06\)](#)

00:38:19 Lyle Mitchell, business owner; Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:40:03 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:46:00 Sen. Connell  
00:46:48 Sen. Brown  
00:49:54 Chairman Buttrey  
00:51:25 Sen. Brown  
00:51:30 Chairman Buttrey  
00:51:34 Mr. Doggett  
00:52:26 Sen. Facey  
00:54:54 Sen. Brown  
00:55:48 Sen. Arntzen  
00:56:09 Sen. Brown  
00:56:40 Sen. Connell  
00:57:03 Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:15 Sen. Brown  
00:58:05 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 208**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:20 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 208.  
Prohibiting use of credit information in writing personal insurance.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:00:32 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)  
01:09:28 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCIAA),  
Allstate Insurance (AI)

**EXHIBIT(bus31a07)**

01:13:58 Bob Biskupiak, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAM)  
01:15:24 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company (SFIC)  
01:16:14 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group (FIG)  
01:18:43 Jessie Luther, Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:19:58 Sen. Brown  
01:20:28 Mr. Easton, FIG  
01:21:26 Sen. Arntzen  
01:25:53 Mr. Spencer, (PCIAA)

01:26:58 Sen. Facey  
01:27:09 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:30:10 Sen. Whitford  
01:33:46 Mr. Spencer  
01:34:25 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:35:31 Ms. Lenmark, AIA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:36:00 Sen. Windy Boy  
  
01:38:46 Recess  
01:45:26 Reconvened

**HEARING ON SB 103**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:45:42 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 103. Provide presumptive disease coverage for paid firefighters.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:46:37 Jesse Laslovich, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)

**EXHIBIT(bus31a08)**

02:02:24 Brian Reed, former firefighter paramedic; representing Montana Firefighters  
02:05:08 Bill Colwell, chief, Missoula Rural Fire District; Montana State Fire Chief's Association  
02:08:14 Derek Harvey, career firefighter, Butte Silverbow Fire Department  
02:12:46 Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:16:28 Alan Hulse, CEO, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)  
02:21:37 Morgan Weber, attorney, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)  
02:27:48 Leonard Lundby, fire chief; member, Montana State Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
02:31:14 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)  
02:34:59 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
02:37:34 Chris Hindoi, independent insurance agent  
02:39:12 Bob Worthington, executive director, Montana Self Insurer's Association  
02:41:39 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)  
02:45:46 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCIAA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:47:15      Sen. Connell  
02:52:02      Mr. Laslovich, CSI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:52:20      Sen. Caferro  
02:59:58      Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:04 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus31aad.pdf](#))